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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL LABOR IN AUSTRIA

1. IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE REPORT ON ITS RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRIA, THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL LABOR NEEDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION URGENTLY:

A. ARE FARM LABORERS INCLUDED IN AUSTRIA'S COMPREHENSIVE STATUTES COVERING THE ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS AND COLLEC-TIVE BARGAINING? IF SO, WHICH LAWS AND WHICH AGRICULTURAL WORKERS--AND HOW ARE THESE WORKERS COVERED? WHAT CONTROLS OR REGULATIONS AFFECT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCEDURES IN-VOLVING FARM LABORERS?

B. ARE THERE ANY OTHER AUSTRIAN LAWS (E.G., CHILD LABOR, PENSION, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION) WHICH AFFECT FARM LABOR? HOW?

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C. ARE ANY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNIONIZED? IF SO, WHAT ARE

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THE NAMES OF THE UNIONS, THEIR MEMBERSHIP SIZES, AND THEIR ORIENTATION?

D. WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS TYPES AND SIZES OF FARMS IN AUSTRIA? HOW MANY WORKERS DO THEY EMPLOY? WHAT PERCENTAGE

OF THE NATIONAL WORK FORCE REPRESENTS FARM LABOR?

2. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO SUBMIT PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATERIAL ON THIS TOPIC, IF READILY AVAILABLE. INGERSOLL

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